

Annual Report of M.O.H.

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HALESWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Interim Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

To The Chairman and Councillors of
The Halesworth Urban District Council.



Gentlemen,

At the request of the Minister of Health an interim report only is being made for the year 1939.

The town was surveyed and plans for the suggested Sewerage Scheme were prepared and completed during the year but had to be put aside at the outbreak of war.

The coming of a large number of children evacuated from Greater London at the beginning of the war greatly increased the risk of infectious disease but only six cases were notified during the year and three of these were pneumonia. No evacuated children were involved.

On the other hand a large proportion of them suffered from pediculosis capitis. This threw a heavy burden on foster-parents who worked energetically to clean up the infested heads, ably assisted by members of the British Red Cross Society and of the Women's Voluntary Service who took over the old surgery for the purpose. The W.V.S. ladies also helped greatly by treating at the same place several children who suffered from scabies.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. M. BURNS.

Medical Officer of Health.

